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SUBJECT: NEW PARTY FIRST SECRETARY IN LIAONING

1. CONTINUING CENTER EFFORTS TO PUT ITS PROVINCIAL HOUSE IN ORDER, TSENG SHAO-SHAN, A MILITARYMAN, HAS BEEN PROMOTED FROM SECOND SECRETARY TO FIRST SECRETARY/REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN IN LIAONING (NCNA SEPTEMBER 23). TSENG RETAINS HIS MILITARY TITLE AS POLITICAL COMMISAAR OF THE SHENYANG MILITARY REGION (MR). TSENG'S APPOINTMENT BRINGS TO NINE THE NUMBER OF MILITARYMEN RUNNING PROVINCIAL PARTY STRUCTURES, OR EXACTLY ONE-THIRD OF THOSE PROVINCIAL-LEVEL UNITS HAVING IDENTIFIED PARTY LEADERS. ONLY THE TOP PARTY SLOTS IN TSINGHAI AND HEILUNGKIANG REMAIN TO BE FILLED.

2. FROM 1937 TO 1950, TSENG SERVED IMMEDIATELY UNDER POLITBURO MEMBER/PEKING MR COMMANDER CHEN HSI-LIEN, AND BOTH

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WERE SUBORDINATE TO PARTY VICE-CHAIRMAN/VICE-PREMIER TENG

HSIAOPING. DURING THE KOREAN WAR, TSENG WAS SENIOR TO POLITBURO MEMBER/SHENYANG MR COMMANDER LI TEH-SHENG. FOLLOWING THAT CONFLICT, TSENG WAS ASSIGNED TO LIAONING AND EVENTUALLY BECAME DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE SHENYANG MR UNDER COMMANDER CHEN HSI-LIEN. HE SWITCHED TO THE MR'S POLITICAL COMMISSAR SLOT IN 1969.

3. ALTHOUGH CRITICIZED DURING THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION, TSENG RODE OUT THE ATTACKS AND WAS ELECTED TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AT THE 9TH PARTY CONGRESS IN APRIL 1969. HE WAS REELECTED AT THE 10TH CONGRESS IN 1973. WHEN THE LIAONING PARTY WAS RECONSTITUTED IN JANUARY 1971, TSENG WAS ELECTED TO THE POST OF SECOND SECRETARY, AGAIN SERVING UNDER FIRST SECRETARY CHEN HSI-LIEN UNTIL CHEN'S TRANSFER TO PEKING IN DECEMBER 1973. SINCE THAT TIME THERE HAD BEEN NO IDENTIFIED FIRST SECRETARY IN LIAONING.
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